

CSWC Operational Period Summary

0600 July 17 2015 to 1800 July 17 2015



North Fire, Cajon Pass, San Bernardino County, July 17, 2015

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Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

7.0 Magnitude Earthquake, Near Solomon Islands

On 07/17/15 at 1927 hours, an initial magnitude 7.5 earthquake, later downgraded to 7.0, occurred near the Solomon Islands. National Tsunami Warning Center issued a Public Tsunami Information Statement advising there is no tsunami danger for California. The California State Warning Center briefed all California Coastal and Delta Warning Points.

Power Outage Long Beach

An electrical vault fire on 7/15/15 sparked several underground explosions that sent manhole covers into the air and impacted nearly 6,000 Southern California Edison customers with short and long term power outages. Since then, crews restored power to most customers only to see additional work bring some of that power down again. The outage also interrupted Los Angeles Metro rail service to the area and turned several downtown intersections into four-way stops.

Per the Southern Region Duty Officer, on 07/17/15 at 1510 hours, the Los Angeles County OEM Duty Officer issued the following alert bulletin:

To assist the impacted residents of the Long Beach Power Outage, the Red Cross is supporting the City of Long Beach by providing bottled water and limited snacks in the area. Additionally, the city has established a shelter at Cesar Chavez Recreation Center at 401 Golden Ave, Long Beach for the residents affected by the power outage. The shelter will open at 4 pm. There are two senior residential buildings at 714 Pacific and 240 Chestnut that are the primary area of concern. Red Cross is supporting the shelter with personnel. Red Cross will also support any Persons With Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs requests as needed.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

The National Hurricane Center has downgraded Hurricane Delores to a Tropical Storm and it will continue to weaken. The forecast still shows the system moving west-northwest and further off the Mexican Coast going into the weekend. This track is significant and could bring tropical moisture mainly into the southern half of the state late this weekend and into early next week, with the potential for flash flooding, mainly in the deserts of eastern San Bernardino County and the southern Sierra. Northern California could see some impacts from this, with some increased monsoonal moisture moving into the area, though this should be focused more toward the Sierras.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

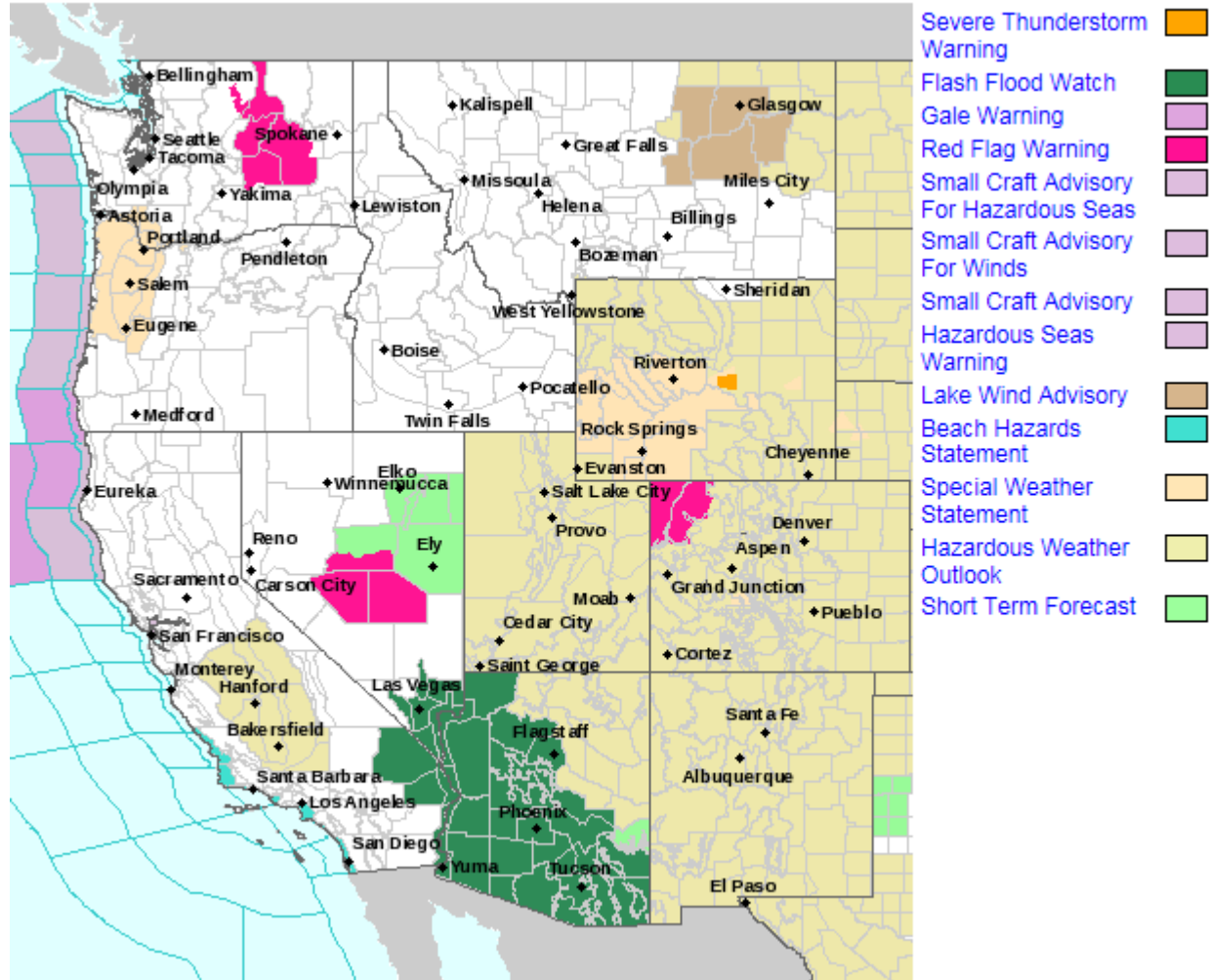
Northern Region

Strong high pressure in the Eastern Pacific is producing warm and dry conditions and a light northerly flow aloft across the Northern Operational Area. Afternoon temperatures will be four to seven degrees above normal with relative humidity dropping to 12-17% in inland areas today. Isolated showers and thunderstorms over the Central Sierra may reach as far north as the Lake Tahoe region this afternoon. Coastal areas will have marine layer/sea breeze conditions. An approaching front from the north later today will bring increasing southwest to northwest winds with isolated late afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms to Northern Nevada and Northeast California. The showers and thunderstorms will continue overnight, mainly in eastern areas. Showers and thunderstorms are possible over the higher terrain of the entire Northern Operational Area as the front sits over the region Saturday and Sunday. Also on Sunday moisture from Hurricane Dolores will advance northward nearly to the southern end of the Northern Operational Area. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the Bay Area and Lake Tahoe area Sunday and Monday. Westerly winds in advance of a pacific low pressure trough approaching the area from the north on Tuesday will push the moist unstable air from Hurricane Dolores off to the east. This trough will produce mild and locally breezy conditions late into the week, with afternoon cumulus buildups over the higher terrain through the weekend.

Southern Region

Temperatures will warm a few degrees and minimum humidity will be mainly in the teens today as a weak ridge of high pressure builds into the region from the desert southwest. Maximum temperatures will be in the upper-70s and 80s across the mountains, with 90s to 102 in the valleys. A weak low off of Point Conception will bring isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms to the Sierra today. Also isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms will occur over the mountains and deserts of Southern California east of the Cajon Pass as moisture from Hurricane Dolores starts moving northward. Southerly winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph will surface across the mountain ridges and desert passes this afternoon. The low off Point Conception will cause abundant moisture from the remnants of Hurricane Dolores to move into the region Saturday through Monday. Showers along with isolated thunderstorms will move over much of Southern California Saturday morning and into Central California by Sunday morning. Most locations will receive between a quarter inch and a half inch of rainfall by Monday evening. Isolated locations over the mountains and deserts will most likely see over an inch of rainfall. Temperatures will be quite a bit below normal with all of the cloud cover Saturday through Monday. A pacific trough dropping down the West Coast will cause the shower activity to end across most of the region Monday night, but isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms will continue across the sierra through Wednesday. Temperatures will remain below normal Tuesday and Wednesday, but it will warm up some due to more sunshine.

STATE WEATHER MAP



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SITUATION SUMMARY

NORTHERN OPERATIONS FIRES

Adventure, Vegetation Fire, El Dorado County (Final)

Location: Highway 49 north of Marshall Grade, Coloma, north of Placerville

Jurisdiction: DPA, SRA

Start Time: 07/16/15 at 1405 hours

Per Cal Fire as of 07/17/15 at 1751 hours:

- 100 acres grass, brush, 100% contained

SITUATION SUMMARY

SOUTHERN OPERATIONS FIRES

North Fire, Cajon Pass, San Bernardino County

Location: Interstate 15, just north of State Route 138

Jurisdiction: The fire started in a Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) but has now burned onto a State Responsibility Area (SRA).

Start Time: 07/17/15 at 1430 hours

Per CAL FIRE and Cal OES Duty Officers as of 07/17/15 at 2100 hours:

- 3500 acres, 5% contained
- Fire is in unified command with US Forest Service, San Bernardino County Fire, CAL FIRE, and San Bernardino County Sheriff
- Multiple fixed and rotary wing aircraft are fighting the fire, including a VLAT and other air tankers from Cal FIRE and National Forest Service (9 fixed wings and 8 helicopters)
- USFS ordered a Type 2 Incident Management Team and CAL FIRE has requested a Type 1 Incident Management Team
- 2 minor injuries reported/confirmed, NO fatalities
- 5 primary homes destroyed per San Bernardino County Fire/CAL FIRE
- 18 vehicles burned/destroyed on southbound lanes of I-15 when fire burned over the freeway, another 10-12 damaged, including 2 semi-tractor/trailers
- Dozens of people abandoned vehicles on I-15, blocking first responder vehicles
- CHP received initial 9-1-1 call of fire in center divider of I-15 at 1430 hours
- Fire began on northbound side of I-15 and jumped to the southbound side
- Temperatures at 97 degrees, 12% humidity, winds 6-16 mph gusts from the south
- Cause still under investigation
- Drone reported in the area, but didn't affect firefighting flights
- A Fire Management Assistant Grant (FMAG) was received and reviewed by Cal OES, and forwarded to FEMA for approval. FEMA Region IX approved the FMAG at approximately 2100 hours on 07/17/15.

Evacuations/Shelters

- CHP and Caltrans providing drinking water, porta-potties, medical and transportation for those drivers stranded on freeway
- Mandatory evacuations in Baldy Mesa area – including areas East of Sheep Creek Road, North of Highway 138, West of I-15/Hwy 395 and south of Phelan Road
- 7,600 notification for mandatory evacuation made in Baldy Mesa area in unincorporated San Bernardino County
- Evacuation Center setup at Serrano High School 9292 Sheep Creek Rd, Phelan, CA. Current Population - 10
- Animals can be taken to the Victorville Fairgrounds 14800 7th Street, Victorville, CA. Current Population - 6 Horses



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Critical Infrastructure/Roadways

- Northbound I-15 #1 and #2 lanes are open, but lanes #3 and #4 are closed. Southbound I-15 is closed.
- CAL TRANS is attempting to do assessments on the condition of pavement and guard rails to determine how long the roadway will be closed
- CAL TRANS and CHP are working together to get tow trucks to the scene to removed damaged vehicles and big rigs
- 500 and 270 KV electrical power lines in area. The 500KV line tripped and reset (power is currently on) per the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA)
- Two railroad line are currently shut down for safety
- No impact to power grid and no significant/reported power outages
- Underground gas lines are in the area, no affect reported at this time
- No reported telecommunications outages at this time

Activations/Deployments

Cal OES Director held coordination briefing call with leaders at CHP, Caltrans, CAL FIRE, Cal STA and Cal OES

- San Bernardino County Emergency Operations Center and San Bernardino County Sheriff Dept. Operations center (DOC) activated at Level 1
- Cal OES Southern REOC activated at Level 1 in support of San Bernardino County
- Cal OES Southern Regional Administrator and two Southern Emergency Services Coordinators at San Bernardino County EOC
- A Cal OES Law Deputy Chief is at the San Bernardino County Sheriff DOC
- A Cal OES Assistant Fire Chief is on scene at the ICP

SITUATION SUMMARY

SOUTHERN OPERATIONS FIRES

Lake 3, Vegetation Fire, San Diego County (Final)

Location: Parallel to Highway 76 in the Lake Henshaw area

Jurisdiction: SRA

Start Time: 07/16/15 at 1130 hours

Per CAL FIRE as of 07/17/15 at 1515 hours:

- 25 acres, 100% contained

Lake, Vegetation Fire, San Bernardino County

Location of Incident: Jenks Lake, Hwy 38, Barton Flats area

Jurisdiction: FRA

Start Time: 06/17/15 at 1600 hours

Per CAL FIRE, Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of 07/16/15 at 1834 hours:

- 31,359 acres, 98% contained
- Patrol and monitor. Extinguish visible smokes. Perform suppression repair
- Resources: 180 personnel assigned

Medical/Health

- Until Further Notice - The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District has issued a Smoke Advisory for Yucca Valley and Morongo Valley due smoke from the nearby Lake Fire.

Proclamations

- San Bernardino County updated their proclamation of a local emergency with a request for a Governor's proclamation and a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster. On 7/10/17 at 1320 hours, the CSWC received San Bernardino's ratified proclamation for the Lake Fire

FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 2

Northern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

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California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance provided 1,000 copies of the 2015 Drought Brochure to DWR for distribution at the State Fair beginning Friday, July 10, 2015.
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) will consolidate and have one collective OA drought call Monday's at 1100 hours beginning 07/06/15 facilitated by the SOC.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 58 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 25 Counties: El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 12 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County) and City of Willits (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

CAL OES MISSIONS

New Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-14241 7/17/2015 1812 hours:** International Emergency Rescue Coordination Center (IERCC) reported a SPOT activation in Fresno County on Trimmer Springs Road at GPS: 36 53 15 N, 119 9 22W. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.
- **2015-LAW-14237 7/17/2015 1754 hours:** IERCC reported a SPOT activation in Fresno County inside Sequoia National park. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.
- **2015-LAW-14231 7/17/2015 1744 hours:** Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) advised of an ELT activation sounding in the vicinity of the city of Riverside. Civil Air Patrol Incident Commander (CAP IC) activated to locate and silence the device.
- **2015-LAW-14225 7/17/2015 1143 hours:** IERCC reported a SPOT activation in Tulare County at GPS: 35 58 32 N, 118 00 12 W. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.
- **2015-LAW-14213 7/17/2015 0717 hours:** IERCC reported a SPOT activation in Mariposa County, Yosemite National Park, on the north shoe of Lower Cathedral Lake at GPS: 37 50 50 N, 119 25 27. The device owner reports that he is very ill and unable to walk out. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.





Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.